GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES – Fisheries Department – Misappropriation of subsidy amount released for the purchase of boat engines – Sri V.V. Krishna Murthy, Deputy Director of Fisheries, East Godavari district - Departmental proceedings under rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 - Penalty of stoppage of one Annual Grade Increment without cumulative effect besides recovery of Rs.3,35,000/-(Rupees three lakhs and thirty five thousand only) - Orders - Issued.

==========

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY DAIRY DEVELOPMENT & FISHERIES (Dy.&Vig.) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 228 **Dated: 26-09-2019**

Read the following:-

1. From the G.A.(V&E) Dept., Vigilance Report No.127, Dt. 04.12.2013.
2. Govt. Memo. No.6953/VS.2/2013, dated: 20.02.2014.
3. From the Commissioner of Fisheries, A.P., Lr.No.8892/A2/2012, Dt.01.04.2015.
4. G.O.Rt.No.138, AHDD& F (Dy. &.Vig.) Dept., Dt.26.05.2015.
5. From the Commissioner of Fisheries, A.P., Lr.No.8892/A2/2012, Dt.22.09.2015 along with defense statements of COs.
6. Govt. Memo. No.6953/Dy. & Vig.(2)/2013, Dt. 08.10.2015.
7. From the COF., A.P., Vijawayada, Lr.No.8892/A2/2012, Dt. 24.11.2016.
8. Govt.Memo.No.6953/Dy&Vig(2)/2013, Dt.06.01.2017.
9. From the Commissioner of Fisheries, A.P., Lr.No.8892/A2/2012, Dt.20.01.2017.
10. G.O. Rt.No.137 and 138, AHDD&F(Dy. & Vig.) Dept., Dt.11.05.2017.
11. From the Commissioner of Fisheries, A.P., Lr.No.8892/A2/2012, Dt.08.02.2018.
12. Govt.Showcause.Memo.No.6953/Dy&Vig(2)/2011-1, Dated: 18.09.2018
13. Govt.Memo.No.6953/Dy.&Vig/2013-4, Dt.18.9.2018.
14. From the Commissioner of Fisheries, A.P., Lr.No.8892/A2/2012, Dt.16.05.2019.
15. Govt.Memo.No.6953/Dy.&Vig/2013, Dt. 06.06.2019.
16. From the Commissioner of Fisheries, A.P., Lr.No.8892/A2/2012, Dt.23.07.2019

******

Whereas, it was brought to the notice of the Government that misappropriation of subsidy amount released for the purchase of Boat Engines by the Fisheries Department Officials, in East Godavari district;

2. And whereas, in the reference 4th cited, the following charges have been framed against Sri V.V. Krishna Murthy, Deputy Director of Fisheries, East Godavari district along with other officials for the irregularities committed under Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991. The Charged officers have submitted their explanations to the charges framed against them:-

Charge-1: "That Sri V.V. Krishna Murthy, Deputy Director of Fisheries the then DDF, East Godavari District placed the supply order without mentioning approved specifications by the District Collector to M/S Om Sai Ram Marine Enterprises, Kakinada for supply of 35 IBMs to 35 beneficiaries sanctioned on 50% subsidy without proper procedure".

Charge-2: "That Sri V.V. Krishna Murthy, Deputy Director of Fisheries the then DDF, East Godavari District obtained false photographs and receipts from 35 beneficiaries in a public meeting organized on 10.4.2012 in the village as if units were handed over, without actually distributing the units to the beneficiaries".

Charge-3: "That Sri V.V. Krishna Murthy, Deputy Director of Fisheries the then DDF, East Godavari District released subsidy of Rs.7,70,000/- to the Manager, IOB, Pallamkurru village towards 35 sanctioned beneficiaries, thereby causing misappropriation of subsidy funds".

Charge-4: "That Sri V.V. Krishna Murthy, Deputy Director of Fisheries the then DDF, East Godavari District failed to safeguard the interests of the fishermen in grounding the IBMs and failed to supervise the process properly and he submitted false utilization Certificate without grounding 35 boat engines to the beneficiaries".

(PTO)

3. And whereas, in the reference 10th cited, Sri P. Koteswara Rao, Joint Director of Fisheries, Machilipatnam, Krishna district and Sri V. Venkateswara Rao, Asst. Director of Fisheries, Visakhapatnam have been appointed as Inquiring Authority and Presenting Officer respectively, to conduct enquiry into the charges framed against Sri V.V. Krishna Murthy, Deputy Director of Fisheries, East Godavari district along with other officials of Fisheries Department under rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules 1991;

4. And whereas, in the reference 11th cited, the Commissioner of Fisheries, A.P., has forwarded the findings of the Inquiry Officer, wherein the Inquiring Authority, inter-alia it is found that Sri V.V. Krishna Murthy, has dual role in holding full additional charge of the then Dy. Director of Fisheries, East Godavari District and also the Asst. Director of Fisheries (regular), Amalapuram and found responsible in committing certain irregularities in following the procedure and guidelines, while implementing the scheme and he is liable to recover 1/2 of the amount i.e., Rs.3,35,000/- against the total of the misappropriated amount of Rs.7,70,000/-, for his involvement with suitable punishment as per CCA Rules;

5. And whereas, in the reference 12th read above, while enclosing the findings of the Enquiry, show-cause notice has been issued to Sri V.V. Krishna Murthy, Deputy Director of Fisheries, East Godavari district to explain / Show-cause as to why suitable penalty should not be imposed against him under rule 20 read with rule 9 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CCA) 1991. The written statement of defense from the individual was received through the Commissioner of Fisheries, Andhra Pradesh, vide reference 14th read above, which is not convincible.

6. After careful examination of the matter in detail with material available on record, Government have decided to impose a penalty of stoppage of one Annual Grade Increment without cumulative effect on Sri V.V. Krishna Murthy, Deputy Director of Fisheries, East Godavari district, besides recovery of Rs.3,35,000/- (Rupees three lakhs and thirty five thousand only). Accordingly, Government hereby order to impose a penalty of stoppage of "one Annual Grade Increment without cumulative effect" against Sri V.V. Krishna Murthy, Deputy Director of Fisheries, East Godavari district, under the provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991, besides recovery of Rs.3,35,000/- (Rupees three lakhs and thirty five thousand only).

7. The Commissioner of Fisheries, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr. POONAM MALAKONDAIAH
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri V.V. Krishna Murthy, Deputy Director of Fisheries, East Godavari district,
Through the Commissioner of Fisheries, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Commissioner of Fisheries, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
Copy to:
The Accountant General, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad/Vijayawada.
The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Pay and Accounts, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The District Treasury Officer concerned.
The A.P. Vigilance Commission, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
SF/SC.

//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER